connected with Bangalore in Karnataka by Alliance Air and Jet Airways as per the following details:

Alliance Air:

•Chennai-Bangalore-Mangalore and return—3 flights/week

(*The above flights are temporarily withdrawn *w.e.f.* 15.6.2002 to 30.9.2002)

Jet Airways:

Bangalore-Mangalore-Bangalore—Daily

Due to commitment of fleet, Indian Airlines has no plans at present to airlink Bangalore with major cities of Karnataka.

Jet Airways had conducted market survey to connect Hubli/BelgaunV Mysore with Bangalore but due to commercial/technical reason, operations on these routes are not found feasible. Further, airlines provide air services to specific places taking into consideration the traffic demand and commercial viability subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines.

Rebate to Government employees

2078. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Al is giving some rebate/facilities to Government servants travelling officially by this carrier;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government servants on personal journeys will also get some concessions, etc.; and

(d) if not, whether Government would consider such a proposal for promoting tourism and attracting more passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Air India is offering following facilities to Government servants travelling on official duty

(i) Attractive discounts on Air India flown revenue.

(ii) Upgrade on space available basis on full fare tickets to Government of India officials of the rank of Under Secretary *qr* equivalent and above to the next higher class of entitlement.

(iii) Complimentary stay at hotel on bed and breakfast basis and transport at any of the 6 long haul stations (New York, Chicago, London, Paris, Osaka and Tokyo) only once for journey performed on full fare return tickets issued in India.

(iv) Additional baggage allowance on Air India services to Government of India officials travelling on transfer for one year or more.

(c) and (d) Air India does not offer special concessions to Government servants travelling on personal journeys.

Sale of air tickets by authorised companies

†2079. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH'LALAN':
SHRIRAMJETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several firms have been authorised for sale of air tickets by the Department of Civil Aviation;

(b) if so, the total number of firms so authorised till June, 2002;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a directive to this effect is included in the agreement while authorising that under sub rule 5 (f) of the agreement no authorised firm would sell tickets below the fixed price;

(d) if so, whether Government have received any complaints in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRISHRIBVD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b)The Department of Civil Aviation does not authorise sale of air tickets. However Air India and Indian Airlines appoint agents for passenger and cargo sales.The total number

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.